



November 2017

Special points of interest:

- Nov 1 Choir  
UMW
  - Nov 2 Keenagers  
Movie Night
  - Nov 4 Hall Closet Thrift
  - Nov 5 Communion
  - Nov 6 Prayer Room meeting
  - Nov 8 Choir
  - Nov 9 Lunch Bunch
  - Nov 10 Packing Party
  - Nov 12 Shoeboxes blessed
  - Nov 14 Sarah Circle  
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service
  - Nov 18 Church Conference
  - Nov 19 Angel Tree
  - Nov 22 Choir
  - Nov 23 Happy Thanksgiving
  - Nov 24 Office Closed
  - Nov 30 Admin Board
- Sunday school 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

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# OREMS BEACON

Orems United Methodist Church



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### SHOE BOX PACKING PARTY

Friday, November 10th

6:00—8:00 p.m.

(includes Pizza, salad and drinks for dinner). Thanks for all your help! We really need donations toward the shipping of the Packing party boxes. Each box cost \$9 to ship. Please consider donating the this cost. Our goal is to pack 75 boxes. Help us reach our goal!

### **Veteran's Day Recognition November 12th**

Orems Church would like to honor all those who are serving in the military or who have served in the military on Sunday Nov. 12th in our Worship bulletin. Please drop a note in the offering plate or call the church office (410-687-9483) before November 8th. Please include Name, rank, years, and service information.

Veteran's Day is observed by our Nation on November 11th. Take time to Honor those who have served our Country.

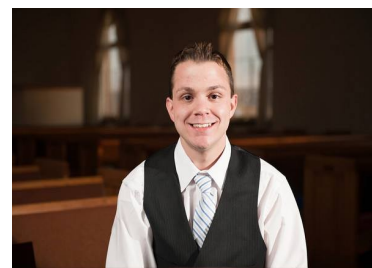
Please keep our active service men and women in your prayers as they continue to work to bring peace and freedom to our world.

**Join us in a Thanksgiving  
Worship Service with our  
sister churches on Thurs-  
day November 16th at**

**7 p.m. at Cowenton United Methodist Church  
at 10838 Red Lion Road, White Marsh MD  
21162. Come and Worship together!**



Dear Church- Music is in full swing here at Orem's. Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7-8:15. We sing most every Sunday, Holy day, Christmas Eve, Easter and more. Music reading is NOT NECESSARY but helpful. Anyone 18 and older is welcome to join us. Music and learning cds are provided. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.



Sanctuary choir is for those who do not want to make the weekly commitment but like to sing for special occasions, holy days and most of all our 2 yearly cantatas. WITHOUT YOU these things CAN'T happen. Learning CDs and music are provided. Rehearsals are generally on Wednesday evening with the chancel choir beginning at 7:35. We have a great time- come check us out.

On Sunday December 10 at the 10 a.m. Worship service, we will present the Christmas Cantata "Walk in the Light" under my direction with Paul Binko accompanist. We hope you will enjoy this delightful addition to the Advent season. The Dress Rehearsal for the cantata will take place Sat. Dec 9th at 9 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Piano/Organ duet concert on Sunday October 22nd with myself and Paul Binko. I think everyone had an enjoyable time. And a special thanks to the generous love offering and gracious support at this concert.

As always I am looking forward to a great season of making a joyful noise unto the Lord,

Best always, Ben  
Director of Music and Organist



## **KEENAGERS (fellowship group for those 55 and over)**



Keenagers will meet at Bob Evans for our November meeting on November 2nd at 11:30 a.m. We are busy making plans for the winter. Our Christmas lunch will be at a Golden Corral restaurant on December 7th. Details to follow in next newsletter.

**DAY TRIP NEWS**—We will be taking a day trip to the National Christmas Center in Paradise PA on Friday, Dec 1st. \$48 cost includes transportation, and museum fee, and Buffet lunch at Deinner's Country Restaurant. Seating Limited for van transport- RSVP by November 12th to the Church office or call me at 301-379-9819. Or you can drive yourself and the trip will cost \$28 for Museum admission and Buffet lunch.

Happy Thanksgiving Judy Tolbert, President

Dear Orem,

As we enter into November we are beginning to think about preparing for colder weather, Advent, and of course: Thanksgiving. This month I am not going to speak theologically about anything in particular or expound on preparing for Advent. In the spirit of Thanksgiving I simply want to say, "Thank you."

First, thank you for the gift that you all gave me this pastor appreciation month. The card and the monetary gift were so unexpected, but so appreciated! I am grateful, especially, because you didn't have to do anything at all! I am so thankful to know that you appreciate my work and my family.

We are blessed to be at Orem! Thank you for your affirmation and for the gracious gift you gave us.

Secondly, thank you for the "get well" cards that many of you sent and the one that many of you signed during worship one Sunday. I had no idea you were doing that, and I really should pay more attention ;) Seriously though, thank you so much. Having my third shoulder related surgery in eight years is a bit daunting, but your cards, well-wishes, and prayers have certainly helped me through a challenging time.

Third and finally, I am simply thankful for the joy of serving with all of you. When I think about all we have accomplished and are working toward accomplishing this year I can't help but smile. I think even more important than all of the building improvements, ministry growth, and stability that we have achieved in our time together, the spiritual growth that I have witnessed in you pleases me greatly. The realization that all of us who want to go deeper into relationship with God are doing just that is awesome. I can see lives being impacted by Christ in ways that we never knew were possible. As I see this I can't help but know that God is going to use that growth for the community around us so others can come into a saving relationship with Christ. I couldn't be more thankful for this reality because that's why we exist! To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

So this thanksgiving, just know that I am grateful for each and every one of you, for your gifts, for your encouragement, and for your spiritual growth. Let's keep going deeper and seeking more of God so we can be evermore thankful and so we can make more disciples for Christ!

I guess I wrote a little more than I intended. Forgive me. 😊

In Thanksgiving and Love,

*Pastor Chris*

## Many Thanks

Good people of Orem— Thank you so much for the prayers and cards during my recent surgery. How wonderful it is to be part of a loving Church family.

Robin Hoch





Fall is in the air and it is time for us to start meeting again! United Methodist Women (UMW) is a group for women in our church. We meet once a month and every woman is invited to attend (you do not need to be a member of the church).

We will meet on Wednesday, November 1st at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about events that we are planning.

There will not be a Ladies Luncheon the months of November and December. Hope to see you at our November meeting!

## MOO NEWS

**The MEN OF OREMS was formed 6 years ago as a group for fellowship of men in the church. The men decided their purpose would be to “Get Things Done” around the church. And they have accomplished a good many things. Each year they raise money to pay for the mowing of our cemetery and church lawns with a spaghetti dinner. Look for that event in March. MOO will not be meeting in November but will meet the fourth Thursday of December for their meeting night.**



## Craft Fair was Awesome...Again!

The OUMC Craft Fair was an enormous success! We would like to thank the Moo (and Chef Wes) for the amazing pit beef and ham that was enjoyed by all. The MOO netted the most money ever (over \$800.00) in selling pit beef and ham which were delicious. Also a big thanks to the Women's Group for their assistance for providing excellent food choices and beverages to the vendors and shoppers. Their proceeds went to the Ruth Brunddick Scholarship fund.

We had approximately 200+ people attend this event based on the monetary donations and the 77 canned goods collected. Thanks to Nikki Hart and Linda Hall for their help in collecting the donations for the food and for Linda handling all the money. Thanks to Meryl (the girl) for providing relief to vendors during the show. Kudo's to John Warrender, Dennis Asbury and Terry Alexander for assisting with table set ups using a very crude drawing of the fellowship hall layout. A shout out to Vicki Borreson for fielding calls and emails, and mailing registration forms to vendors throughout the planning of this event. Thanks to all those male and female angels who stayed after the event to sweep the floors, mop up messes, wipe down tables, set up hall, remove old tables to storage room, and removing the trash bags.

Based on the feedback from the vendor surveys, positive feedback was provided, along with hints to improve this event for next year. We look forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event for Orem's Church on October 13, 2018.

Thanks a million, Joyce Serio & Trish Alvey





## Poinsettia Orders

Call in your Flower order to the office  
410-687-9483

Or email at  
oremsumc@verizon.net.

**Order due by Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**, Cost was not available at time of this printing. Payment will be due with order. Check with office for cost.

Please state

Red or White  
Poinsettias

Please state the wording you would like (in memory, honor, thanks, to the Glory of God, etc.)

Thank you for allowing Orem's to borrow your plant to beautify our altar during the Christmas season.

You may take your poinsettia home after the 11 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve.

## STEWARDSHIP IN DIFFICULT TIMES...AGAIN\*\*

Hurricanes, flooding, property loss, poverty, needs of our neighbors: these are all the situations that vie for our attention and help.

Fixed incomes, rising costs of food, housing and utilities: these are things that stand in the way of the giving that folks would like to do.

### WHAT TO DO?

Pastor Chris has repeatedly reminded us that it is difficult to give to all the requests made of the congregation. It is not expected. We can also take heart in that since we are a connectional church, our giving, regardless of amount, is multiplied by other UMC churches into significant assistance. Add to that the community church support of the local mission efforts are likewise combined for good effect.

The first and primary giving is to our own church first. This keeps our facilities and programs of showing the Good News healthy and functioning. We should give to the other outreach programs as we feel led by God and our own abilities to do so. Choose a request that speaks to your own heart. Consider smaller amounts to more requests. If not money, give your time to programs like Streets of Hope and others that are available. We certainly have a target rich environment for consideration.

None of us are philanthropists and no one named J.P. Morgan sits in our congregation. But together, we can make a difference when we multiply our giving this way. And if you cannot give, pray. We have a place for that too, don't we?

### Norris Tingle – Stewardship

**\*\*This is a repeat of last month's Article.** Since that time, we've had even more money needs due to the disaster in Puerto Rico, the California fires and the Las Vegas problems. And, coming into the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons, the need only grows. Pastor Chris' admonitions still hold true. Our Church comes first simply to remain a beacon of the Good News. All else simply depends on what your heart is called to support to the extent you are able. As Wesley said: Earn All You Can – Save All You Can – Give All You Can. Best advice around. God Bless!

## Angel Tree Mission

The tree will be up on Nov 19th with the names of Children and their list of Christmas Wishes. If you prefer, you may donate money and we will shop for you. Adopt a child for the season by filling out the Angel Log with your name, the Child's name and code written on the Angel. Please remember that this is the only Christmas gifts this child will receive. Team up with a friend and expand your shopping money. Please Help us provide a good Christmas for children from the Middle River area. Gifts must be returned to the Church by December 17th. Thank you for supporting this mission.



## Food Pantry News

Our pantry frequently receives requests for food. When you are out grocery shopping think of our Food Pantry.

Here is the list of needed items: Canned Chicken, canned hams, Cereals, canned potatoes, turkey gravy, canned mixed fruit, applesauce, corn bread mix, cranberry sauce, and juices. We will also gladly accept gift cards to area Food stores so that folks can purchase Milk, eggs and bread.

Thank you for all you do to help keep this mission working.

Pixie Faulkner

## Help Our Mission!

The United Methodist Women continue to support *The Center for Pregnancy Concerns*. *This Center is reaching out to women who are in a time of their lives when they are vulnerable and in great need of support. The Center is accepting donations of Maternity Clothing, Baby clothes up to size 4 T, and other items a mother to be may need. You may drop off the donations at the Center at 442 Eastern Avenue or bring your donations to the Church (Please have them marked For CPC or Center for Pregnancy) and we will see that they are delivered to the Center. The Center is in dire need of Advanced Similac Formula. This is a very hard item for young families to get. If you can donate formula, please bring it to church or drop it off to the center. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile mission.*



## DISCIPLES OF YARN

The 40 blessed Prayer Shawls from our September 24th blessing have returned to take their places in my home.

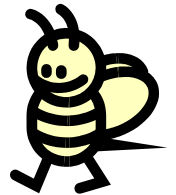
There were several shawls given out on that day to friends and family of Orems members.

As the year progresses, the total number of prayer shawls given out during the months of July, August, and September is 17. Our Needlebees members who crochet and knit the prayer shawls continue to provide the church with a much needed supply for our mission of healing. Please keep our mission in your prayers as we continue to knit and crochet the shawls.

If you crochet or knit, or would like to learn, please join us at the next Needlebees meeting. The dates and times are November 8th and 22nd.

Blessings to all,

Dottie Daiger



**DECEMBER Newsletter Deadline** is Sunday, November 19th. Please have articles turned in to the office by that date.





IT'S  
SHOE BOX  
TIME!!!

We have had a long  
tradition at Orem's  
Church of partici-

pating in Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign.. If you would like to fill a shoe box. The shoe boxes may be filled with small toys (no war toys or guns please), crayons, small books, school supplies, sun glasses, flashlights and batteries, band aids and pocket size Kleenex, chap stick and gum, tooth brush (NO toothpaste please) hair brush or comb, wash cloth and soap, jump ropes, socks and t shirts. Don't forget your shipping payment and labels. If you pay online for shipping you can print off a shipping label that allows your box to be tracked and after Christmas you will receive an email telling you where your boxes was sent. You can also include a Christmas card with a note from your family to the recipient of your shoe box.

Friday November 10th we will have a packing party 6:00-8:00 p.m. (includes Pizza, salad and drinks for dinner). November 20th will be the blessing of the boxes. So please have your boxes back to Church by that date. Let's make this year our biggest yet!! Please consider donating toward the shipping cost of the boxes for our packing party. Each box cost \$7 to ship.

Thanks for all your help!

Michele McNeal



DID YOU KNOW? If you miss a Sunday Service or would like to hear that great sermon again during the week, you can go to Orem's website and listen to Pastor Chris preach his sermon again. It is fun to go back a few weeks and listen or even a few months back.

To access these sermons, go to the website at [www.oremsumc.org](http://www.oremsumc.org) at the home page click on STAY INFORMED and the word Sermons will pop up. Click on that and a list of sermons will be available by date. Just click on the one you want to hear.



**Church Conference is set for November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 9 a.m. All members of the church are invited to attend this meeting. Leaders and Board Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Administrative Board meeting in November will be held November 30th at 7 p.m. This is changed from the original date so that members can attend the Thanksgiving service at Cowenton UMC on Nov. 16th

Group leaders and Individuals:

If you are planning a meeting or event, please notify the office so that it can be added to our calendar. This is important for insurance purposes as well as avoiding conflicts with room usages. Thank you



**MOVIE NIGHT** – join us on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to view the movie 'The Shack' with pumpkin pie and Apple Cider in room 100 after the film. The movie based on the book of a man's journey of faith. Four years after his daughter's murder, in the midst of his sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note--apparently from God--inviting him back to the shack where evidence of his daughter's murder was found. Against his better judgment, he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon. What he finds there will change his life forever.

**Aero Acres Civic Improvement Assoc.** has requested "traffic calming devices " and radar traps for Orem Rd. This is due to excessive speeding from folks outside of our community. It will be discussed at the Nov. 8th community Assoc. meeting at the Middle River Rec Center on Compass Road at 7 p.m. Please attend or send someone to this meeting to voice your concerns.



**ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY will be observed on November 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you have lost a loved one, family or friend, in the past year since our last All Saints Day (October 30, 2016),

please notify the office of the person's name and date of death by Tuesday afternoon October 31st. We will include it in our list to honor them on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **24-7 PRAYER**

**Sign up to participate in a 24-7 Prayer week at Orem Church.** Pray for our church, our congregational needs, our community and our work in the Kingdom of God. Take an hour or two alone or with a prayer partner.

There will be a Prayer Room meeting discuss setting up a permanent Prayer room site. If you would like to help come join us at 7 pm Nov. 6th.

We had such a wonderful response to our Prayer week in August that we felt called to do it again. We will hold our 24-7 Prayer week the first week of Advent. What a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ!

We have 24 hours in a day and 7 days to pray. We will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday Dec 3rd till 12 midnight on Saturday Dec 9th. A chart to register for an hour or two will be available soon. Once the chart is available, please sign your name and best phone number you can be reached. For those who do not have keys to the building we will make arrangements. If you were part of the last prayer week you know what a Life changing —soul changing experience it can be! Join us in December!

